

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding
5 Section 20-135 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/20-135 new)

7 Sec. 20-135. Retail choice for natural gas service. The
8 Office of Retail Market Development shall also have the
9 function and duties of promoting competition in the natural gas
10 market for all classes of customers. The Office shall work with
11 all segments of the natural gas market to identify barriers to
12 competition and recommend to the Commission, to the Governor's
13 Office, and to the General Assembly programs or legislation
14 needed to eliminate such barriers.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.